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TAGS: CH, PINT, OVIP (VANCE, C)

SUBJECT: PRC: 11TH PARTY CONGRESS

1. FOLLOWING IS A PRELIMINARY INR ANALYSIS OF THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS BASED ON THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE CONCLUSION AND THE LINEUP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. WE WILL SEND FURTHER ANALYSES AS ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ARE RECEIVED.

2. THE MAJOR IMPRESSION SO FAR IS THAT THE CONGRESS CONFORMED TO EXPECTATIONS, THE TOP LINEUP REMAINS INTACT, WITH NOTEWORTHY PROMINENCE FOR TENG AND THE PRAGMATIC IDEAS HE ADVOCATED. THE MAJOR ADDRESSES WERE GIVEN BY HUA
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(PARTY WORK REPORT), YEH (REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION), AND TENG (CLOSING SPEECH). ALL 17 SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE OLD POLITBURO ARE LISTED ON THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE LIST, AND THUS APPEAR LIKELY TO APPEAR ON THE NEW POLITBURO.

3. IN HIS REPORT, HUA AFFIRMED PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY

LINES, PLEDGING THE PARTY TO CARRY OUT MAO'S LINE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE CALLED FOR UNITY WITH THIRD WORLD AND (NON-SOVIET) SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, DESCRIBED CONTENTION BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR AS "THE SOURCE" OF A NEW WORLD WAR, AND LABELED "SOVIET SOCIALIST IMPERIALISM" AS THE GREATER DANGER TO WORLD PEACE.

4. HUA, YEH, AND TENG ALL PAID EXTENSIVE TRIBUTE TO MAO AND THE ONGOING IMPORTANCE OF HIS LEGACY AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HUA CE CLEARLY INDICATED HOW MAO'S LEGACY WILL BE INTERPRETED, AS HE STRESSED THAT THE PURGE OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" WOULD BRING STABILITY AND UNITY, AND "MARKS THE TRIUMPHANT CONCLUSION OF OUR FIRST....CULTURAL REVOLUTION, WHICH LASTED 11 YEARS." HUA ALSO CALLED FOR A "NEW LEAP FORWARD" FOLLOWING THE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL MODELS OF TACHAI AND TACH'ING, CALLED FOR INCREASED EMPHASIS ON PARTY AND LEADERSHIP BUILDING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, AND STRENGTHENING OF THE GOVERNMENT, ALL CLEARLY REFLECTING THE REGIME'S PRAGMATIC POLICIES OF THE PAST 10 MONTHS.

5. TENG WAS GIVEN THE UNUSUAL ROLE OF EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

OF THE CONGRESS AND SEEMED TO BE PERFORMING THE TASKS OF A PRESIDING OFFICER (FOR EXAMPLE, HE ANNOUNCED HUA'S CONFIDENTIAL

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ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE). TENG ALSO GAVE THE CONGRESS' CLOSING ADDRESS. BOTH THE PRESIDING FUNCTION AND THE DELIVERY OF A CLOSING ADDRESS WERE TASKS PERFORMED BY MAO AT PREVIOUS CONGRESSES.

6. BOTH THE THRUST OF HUA'S REMARKS AND TENG'S DUTIES AT THE CONGRESS INDICATE THE STRONG HAND OF THE LATTER IN RUNNING THE CONGRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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